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Decking the doors



After one staff member at the Bethel Family Health Center decided to decorate an office door in a holiday theme, everyone else got into the act, too. The result: nearly 20 festive entryways throughout the building. Above, the staff proved cotton balls can have more than medical uses as Santa sports a full beard. (In lower right, a model of a spine adds a nice touch.) Right, Katharyn Sloma looks through her door, offered up as an "elfie" opportunity for passers-by. More doors, Page 6.

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Bethel to propose pot moratorium

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen last week decided to put before voters a plan for a moratorium on retail marijuana establishments and social clubs, in the wake of Maine's recent marijuana legalization vote.

The law, approved Nov. 8, allows such establishments, as well as the possession by individual adults of up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana.

With retail sales becom-

ing lawful, said Bethel Town Manager Christine Landes, "We don't have zoning here, so they can go anywhere."

She said it is expected the state will take six to nine months to work out the details of the state law. If voters approve a local moratorium, she said, Bethel could then decide whether to simply apply the state law or come up with a local version.

Towns may also "opt out" of allowing marijuana

to be sold within their borders.

Selectman Peter Southam said he favored a moratorium, reasoning that it makes more sense to "stop it now and then let it happen later, as opposed to letting it happen now and really struggling to stop it later."

The board decided to consider moratorium ordinance wording at its January meeting. At that time, said Landes, selectmen can also set a date for

a public hearing and a special Town Meeting to vote on the proposal, likely in February.

A moratorium model Landes suggested would be effective immediately on enactment and would remain until amended or repealed.

She said there will be other issues to be addressed at the special Town Meeting, including proposed changes to the Sign and Recreation Committee ordinances.

Milton to stay 'expedited;' some worry region could become wind focus

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Maine Land Use Planning Commission voted 5-2 Saturday to keep Milton Township in the "expedited" area for wind development.

The decision means any applications for wind projects can bypass a rezoning step with the LUPC, but would still be reviewed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

Some local residents have opposed the expedited designation, arguing they should have more opportunity for input during the review process. Concerns about impact on scenic views, recreation and wildlife were voiced.

A wind power company, EverPower Maine LLC, has put up a meteorological test tower in the area of Bryant and Chamberlain mountains in Milton to gather information for a potential 9-to-12-tower, 40-megawatt project. Parts of Woodstock, Greenwood and Bethel are near the location.

Bob Everett of Bethel is an LUPC commissioner. He voted in opposition to keeping Milton in the expedited area, citing concerns on the potential impact of wind

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Withdrawal panel considers 'more drastic options'

By ALISON ALOISIO

A letter sent by the Newry Withdrawal Committee to the SAD 44 School Board last week asks if the district plans to continue to decline to negotiate a withdrawal agreement with the NWC.

The letter from NWC Chairman Jim Sysko, dated Dec. 7, is addressed to SAD 44 board Chairman Lainey Cross.

"The recent defeat of the Cost Sharing proposal by the voters of SAD 44 closed a possible option to the withdrawal process that would have allowed the Newry Withdrawal Committee (NWC) to consider

recommending ending the process. This unfortunate outcome has forced the NWC to consider our next steps in the process.

"The continued refusal of the SAD 44 withdrawal committee to negotiate in good faith and to participate in mediation sessions, while actively lobbying against the cost sharing solution, prompts the NWC to consider more drastic options in order to be heard. The NWC does not want to submit any new proposals if they are to be ignored or rejected out of hand. Your prac-

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Newry sets Town Meetings; nomination papers available

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen Tuesday set dates for two "annual" Town Meetings, as the town prepares to change from a calendar budget year to a July-June fiscal year.

The first meeting, for a six-month budget, will take place Tuesday, March 7, with election of town officials on Monday, March 6.

The second meeting, to approve a budget for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, will take place on Tuesday, May 9.

At the March meeting the town will need to elect two SAD 44 School Board members, according to Town Administrator Amy

Bernard. Bonnie Largess' 3-year term is expiring, but in addition, the other school director, Whitney Gray, is resigning in March, Bernard said.

On the Board of Selectmen, Wendy Hanscom's 3-year term is up. Bernard said it is not yet known if Hanscom or Largess will run again.

Nomination papers for the seats are now available at the Town Office, and must be returned by Jan. 23.

In other business Tuesday, Planning Board member Brooks Morton asked about the possibility of the board developing a recreational trails section

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Non-profit groups collaborate to run Bethel Village Ski Center

The cross-country ski center based at the Bethel Inn Resort will be operated by a team of non-profit groups this winter, according to a press release.

Mahoosuc Pathways and the Bethel Outing Club plan to open the Bethel Village Ski Center Dec. 23, according to Bethel Inn Resort General Manager Allen Connors.

The center will continue to offer skiing, snowshoeing and fat biking on the inn's trails, said Connors. "We have enjoyed offering top notch trails and service to our guests for years, but this partnership with these dedi-

cated, local organizations will create noticeable improvement this year."

"The groups saw the ski center as a chance to save a critical recreational amenity for the community, and there is huge excitement among all of the partners," said Gabe Perkins, executive director of Mahoosuc Pathways, which will orchestrate the collaboration.

Perkins said the initiative is part of a broader vision to expand to a network of year-round, multi-use trails encompassing venues like Sunday River and Mt. Abram. The Bethel Outing Club

will provide programming, including ski lessons, clinics, special events, and presentations for locals and visitors.

Major events include the New England Nordic Ski Association Women's Ski Day on Jan. 22, Flying Moose Classic Feb. 4, and the New England Bill Koch League Ski Festival March 3-5.

"The Bethel area has built a reputation in the Northeast for hosting successful Nordic events," said BOC board member Carlie Casey, Casey, a veteran technical delegate for the International Ski Federation,

cited the 2012 USCSA National Collegiate Championships held at the Bethel Inn and organized by former Nordic Center director Mike Cooper.

BOC members recently tested snow guns that BOC and Gould Academy purchased two years ago, which increases reliability of adequate snow cover for events and for recreational skiers. BOC and dozens of volunteer shovellers came out in force at the eleventh hour when the regionwide U16 championships was moved to

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Letters

RESPONSE TO DRESSER LETTER To the Editor:

In response to Dutch Dresser's letter to the editor, in the Bethel Citizen of Dec. 15, "Newry Withdrawal Committee badgering the school board for a better tax deal." Early in the Newry Withdrawal Committee meetings, Dan Stockford, Newry's Withdrawal Committee attorney, stated that SAD 44's effort to initiate a cost sharing change by a local process would be permissible by state law. Bonnie Largess, a Newry school board member and Newry Withdrawal Committee member, talked to the NWCC to get their take on approaching the school board and suggesting that they start a refunding formula committee. The other members of the committee agreed that it was worth a try.

At a later Newry Withdrawal Committee meeting, Bonnie reported that the SAD 44 School Board rejected her idea. Months later at a Newry selectmen's meeting Jim Largess, Newry selectman, made an announcement that he was going to take off his selectman's hat and talk to the SAD 44 withdrawal members. To my knowledge this was not prompted by the Newry Withdrawal Committee or any other Newry residents. Jim Largess met with members of the SAD 44 Withdrawal Committee and negotiated a deal. At the next selectmen's meeting Jim Largess announced that the School Board had agreed to form a refunding formula committee if Newry would put it on a ballot and have a town vote to stop the withdrawal process. Jim Largess made the motion to have that vote. All three selectmen unanimously voted to put it on the ballot. Weeks later, the Town of Newry voted on the question, "Do you want to stop the Withdrawal Process?" The vote was taken and 73 percent of Newry voters voted to continue the process. This is not the answer the SAD 44 withdrawal committee or the Newry selectmen expected.

So was this refunding formula committee and the subsequent vote by all four towns the result of the Newry Withdrawal Committee badgering the School Board? No, it was the result of the SAD 44 Withdrawal Committee negotiating a deal with a Newry selectman to try to stop a legal process that had already been approved by Newry voters.

Several people have said that Newry has the lowest tax rate of any organized territory. As a comparison, Cambridge, Mass., home of MIT and Harvard University, has a tax rate of \$6.49 per \$1,000 on residential property. Newry's tax rate is \$9.30 per \$1,000. The point is you cannot judge whether taxes are high or low without the rest of the formula. Valuation and amount of services also have to be considered. So does Newry have a low tax, because of a low tax rate? Because of high valuation and low amount of service provided by the town, we would have to say our taxes are not low. For every \$10,000 that Newry collects in property tax, nearly \$7,000 goes to the SAD 44 school district.

High student cost (\$120,000 per Newry student) poor quality of education (D & F rated) and virtually no say in this partnership are reasons that the honest, hard-working residents of Newry have voted to continue the withdrawal effort. Is it unreasonable for Newry residents to want quality education and a voice in the system? I have never thought our taxes would be less if we withdraw. Based on state law a town that withdraws from the school district has to wait five years before it can build its own school if it accepts state money. Building a school in Newry is an option, but it is not what the Newry Withdrawal Committee's directive is.

Dutch Dresser has stood silent, but now that he speaks, he is completely confused on what has taken place, which may be understandable since this process has been ongoing for two years because the SAD 44 Withdrawal Committee has refused to negotiate with Newry's Withdrawal Committee. We recently had Scott Cole come to a Withdrawal Committee meeting and tell us that he is going to approach legislators to make it illegal for Newry to withdraw. It appears that some, not all, want our money and want desperately for us to shut up! It's never too late, until it's too late!

Gary Drown
Newry

THANKS FROM GRADY

To the Editor:

I wanted to thank everyone who donated to my Christmas toy drive for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center. We delivered three large boxes, four bags of toys and \$320 in gift certificates.

It was fun to see the boxes fill up at school and at my auntie's shop. All of the toys were awesome. I am excited to think about the kids on Christmas Day opening the presents making them happy.

Thank you again!!

Grady Kellogg
Bethel

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From the Bethel Town Manager

By Christine M. Landes

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Ad Hoc Sign Ordinance Committee has been diligently working on the proposed sign code changes. Meeting weekly, the group has not only addressed the top six priorities assigned to them, but has started a comprehensive review also. All of the proposed changes will be presented to voters at a special Town Meeting in February.

Also at the February Special Town Meeting, voters will be asked to consider proposed changes to the Recreation Board (Administration Code) and to adopt a new code titled Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs; Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs in the Municipality of Bethel. A public hearing on these proposals will be held on Jan. 9 at 6 p.m.

Once the holidays are past, this office will start the diligent process of conducting a 'wastewater hookup' inventory. This will be a detailed process of researching each property to document what sort of habitable units are located on each piece. Once this is completed, the fees committee will re-assess the inventory and come forward with a rate proposal to the Board of Selectmen. Please watch for updates and possible contact from this office as this process starts.

Bethel Regional Airport has a new rotating beacon. Some of you may have noticed it lighting up the Bethel sky from dusk to dawn. This is one of the first steps in the lighting upgrades at the airport. In the spring, new medium intensity lighting will be installed on the runway. The runway lights will continue to be pilot controlled. Each of these upgrades guides us to having precision approach at the airport. Exciting stuff! Also, the Mountain Explorer has expanded its route a bit to include a 'downhill' stop at the airport for those flying in and needing a ride to town or the mountain. Make sure your let your pilot friends know. Thank you Western Maine Transportation!

The upcoming holiday schedule at the office includes: closing at noon on Friday, Dec. 23; closed Monday, Dec. 26; closed Monday, Jan. 2; and closed Monday, Jan. 16.

One last reminder to license your dog by the end of January to avoid a late charge. If there is anything I, or the employees of the town can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.

CPS raises \$1,000 for Christmas for Children

The Bethel Rotary Club's Christmas for Children will receive about \$1,000 from a collection effort at the Crescent Park Elementary School.

Teacher/math coach Renee Charette organized the project, which has been underway for about two weeks.

"We had some small, heartwarming donations ranging from 1 cent to 50 cents that clearly came from students themselves," said Charette. "One fourth grader brought in 50 cents, mostly in pennies, and a kindergartener even brought in two quarters with a note from the tooth fairy! They definitely understand the true meaning of Christmas."

She said some students donated chores/gift money they had been saving, and their parents made matching donations, so those totals ranged from \$20-\$60 each. "Several second-graders organized mini-

collections on their own and were able to raise \$50 each, and one teacher offered to match all donations in their class. We also received an anonymous donation of \$200 from one family," she said.

An additional incentive for people to donate, said Charette, was that they could "pledge" their donations toward staff members to have funny Christmas Jib-Jab videos made of them.

"The three teachers who got the most votes are Mrs. Lee, Mr. Brown, and Miss Haines," said Charette.

Kids could also be featured in videos for donating more than \$20, and others were chosen as a reward for earning Coyote Coupons for being responsible, respectful, and/or safe (part of PBIS: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports).

The videos were shown at a school-wide assembly Wednesday, said Charette.

Bethel man among four charged in N.H. vehicle inspection investigation

The New Hampshire State Police recently concluded a six-month investigation that resulted in the arrests of Allen Demers, 57, of Gorham, N.H.; Alan Moody, 51, of Whitefield, N.H.; Randall Grondin, 44, of Bethel, Me.; and Luke McGillicuddy, 24, of Gorham, N.H., according to a press release issued in early December.

On May 20, 2016, Trooper Brandon Girardi and Automotive Equipment Inspector Logan Ramsay of the State Police - Troop G went to Berlin City Ford in Gorham to conduct a routine audit of the automobile dealership and inspection station.

During the course of the audit, Girardi discovered that employees of Berlin City Ford had been improperly conducting state safety inspections. Girardi learned that employees, who were not authorized by the Division of Motor Vehicles as certified mechanics to conduct safety inspections had conducted numerous improper inspections.

Additionally, Demers, the service manager for Berlin City Ford and Moody, who was a supervisor, had allowed employees access to the New Hampshire On Board Diagnostics and Safety Testing (NHOST) computer network in order to complete unauthorized state inspections, the release said.

A similar routine audit was conducted at Berlin City Chevrolet in Gorham, where Girardi learned employees had also conducted improper safety inspections. Girardi learned that Grondin, the service manager for Berlin City Chevrolet, had also allowed employees access to the NHOST computer network in order to complete unauthorized inspections, according to the release.

Demers was charged with computer crimes; criminal solicitation to commit tampering with public records; criminal solicitation to commit unsworn falsification; and criminal solicitation to commit counterfeit, unauthorized, or forged stickers. He surrendered himself at the

Gorham Police Department on Nov. 21. He was released on \$2,500 personal recognizance bail.

Grondin was charged with computer crimes; criminal solicitation to commit tampering with public records; and criminal solicitation to commit counterfeit, unauthorized, or forged stickers, the release said. He surrendered himself at the Gorham Police Department on Dec. 2 and was released on a summons.

McGillicuddy was charged with computer crimes; tampering with public records; and counterfeit, unauthorized, or forged stickers. He surrendered himself at the Gorham Police Department on Nov. 21. He was released on a summons pending.

Moody was charged with computer crimes; criminal solicitation to commit tampering with public records; criminal solicitation to commit unsworn falsification; and criminal solicitation to commit counterfeit, unauthorized, or forged stickers. He surrendered himself at the Gorham Police Department on Nov. 23. He was released on a \$1,500 personal recognizance bail.

All four men were scheduled to appear in Berlin District Court Jan. 31, according to the release.

According to Staff Sgt. Andrew Player of the New Hampshire State Police, the men charged were not selling inspection stickers.

He also said the improper inspections had been going on for at least a year, and a large number of vehicles had gone through the process. They were a mix of new and used, he said.

Player said there was no way of knowing for sure if any vehicles that should not have received stickers got them.

State Police were assisted in the investigation by the Division of Motor Vehicles. Grondin also serves as the fire chief in Gilead, a position he has held since 2014, according to town officials.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Grayson, Renee and Gracie portrayed the Holy Family in Bethel's annual Living Nativity.

The Student Leadership group at Telstar Middle School sponsored a school Spirit Week and raised \$842.51 for the Rotary's Christmas for Children charity.

Births: Shale Michael Hilton, Michael Scott Hall. Deaths: Albert L. Roberts, Edith Morey.

20 years ago: Norway Savings Bank held a grand opening at their new Bethel location.

Retired banker and municipal auditor Lloyd Decato of Norway was appointed interim Town Manager of Greenwood.

Births: Jesse Leighton, Whitney Wilson Morse.

Deaths: Anne B. Drew, Margaret B. Boyce, Dana A. Enman, Gary M. Holmes, Lilla Brown.

30 years ago: Portraying the Holy Family at Bethel's annual Living Nativity were Richard and Carole Duplessis, and three-week-old son Christopher. Mundt-Allen Post American Legion donated \$250 to the Bethel Fire Department's "Jaws of Life" fund.

Deaths: Minna Wagner Jacobs, Lawrence P. Kimball, Ernestine Smiley, Charles Melville, Arnold M. Shatney, Elwood A. Richardson.

40 years ago: Megan McGuire, Nancy Chadbourne and Beth Douglass portrayed angels in Bethel's annual Living Nativity.

Telstar outscored Leavitt 68-53 in their Mountain Valley Conference meeting at Telstar.

Births: Jill Marie Olson, Amber Maria Bean.

50 years ago: Winners in the Greater Bethel Chamber of Commerce's 1966 Home Decorating contest were: Ralph Hall, Norma Jodrey, and Nancy Lincoln of Bethel, and Mrs. Lester Bickford of Locke Mills.

Mr. & Mrs. William Cousins and son Charles portrayed the Holy Family in Bethel's third annual Living Nativity.

Births: Tracy Alan Gordon, Leann Dorris Coolidge, Pamela Jean Walker.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Abbott, Mrs. Blanche R. Worcester, Amos M. Barnett, Robert J. Wermenchuk.

60 years ago: Construction of the new home of Mr. & Mrs. Everett Chase on Bridge Street was underway. Frank Lowell and crew were the builders. (Now the location of Jade's Salon.)

The two-and-a-half story home of Leonard Kimball on Mechanic Street was gutted by fire of undetermined origin. Mr. Kimball made no estimate of his loss.

Death: Nathan Clifford Grover.

70 years ago: Committees were appointed and plans were being made to celebrate the Congregational Church Centennial.

Augustus Carter purchased the house known as the Curtis Winslow place.

Deaths: Mrs. Tilson Burk, Mrs. Mildred Hapgood Lyon, Mrs. Glendine Ring Heikkinen.

80 years ago: Heavy rains caused flooding. Christmas programs were postponed on account of traveling conditions.

Deaths: Anna Carlson Cook, Mrs. Marion True Gehring.

90 years ago:

The farm buildings of Frank Langevin in South Andover were destroyed by fire.

J. M. Harrington was appointed Bethel deputy sheriff.

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turbines on a nearby bat hibernaculum, and the ability of the current transmission system to handle added power generation.

Other commissioners have said that the location of Milton near existing power transmission lines weighed in favor of allowing a project; that there are other, more significant scenic recreational resources surrounding Milton, such as in Bethel and Newry; and that relatively few people would be impacted.

'SACRIFICIAL LAMB'

Ed Rosenberg of Woodstock, a neighbor of the potential project site, said Tuesday he thought Milton had become a "sacrificial lamb" for wind development. The state's pur-

suit of development goals for 2030 is "putting all the pressure on Western Maine," for further development, he said, because of the proximity of transmission lines.

Another meteorological test tower was recently approved by the Greenwood Planning Board for Long Mountain, raising concerns among some residents there. (See related story at right.)

LUPC Chief Planner Stacie Beyer said Tuesday that the final action of the commission on Milton may be appealed to Superior Court within 40 days from the date of the decision, by any aggrieved person.

Harry Benson, director of development for EverPower, was asked

Tuesday to comment on the Milton LUPC decision.

"EverPower Maine LLC is very happy about the LUPC decision," he said. "We feel it is the right decision. Keep in mind, this decision allows us to continue to develop the site through the normal DEP process. This is a robust process that takes at least three years: two years of studies and a one-year permitting process that includes input from local towns and citizens."

"Next year we plan on meeting with the local communities to educate them on the benefits of the project and listen to any concerns,"

Potential for 17 600-foot wind towers in Greenwood

By ALISON ALOISIO

A representative for a wind power company that plans to erect a test meteorological tower on Long Mountain in Greenwood told selectmen Tuesday that if a project happens, 15 to 17 towers, approximately 600 feet tall, could go up, with the potential for more.

About 15 people attended the selectboard meeting, which was not a public hearing.

David Fowler, a consultant to Calpine Corp., said that company has "a pretty good confidence level" that the site is viable.

Selectman Amy Chapman said the town had been told in the past that Greenwood did not have good wind power potential. But Fowler said that since then the technology and size of towers has grown, making more locations viable.

He said the towers are about 600 feet to the top of a blade. That is about half again the height of the nearby Spruce Mountain project in Woodstock, he said.

Fowler said towers

would not be very visible from many areas. But Dwayne Bennett of Bethel, who has closely followed a potential project in Milton, speculated that Long Mountain towers would be visible from areas such as Grover Hill Road in Bethel and Twitchell, North and South ponds in Greenwood.

Chapman said noise from turbines was another concern, because although the project would have to meet decibel limit requirements, some people have lower tolerance levels.

As for economic impact, Fowler said the town could negotiate a community benefit financial package, as Woodstock did with Spruce Mountain, or a TIF agreement that could shield the added valuation from turbines from increased SAD 44 taxes.

The turbines, he said, could add approximately \$50 million to the overall town valuation, increasing it by about 20 percent.

Fowler said any property owners with questions may contact him through the Town Office.

NWC

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tice of promising responses and then refusing to respond has sent a message of extreme disrespect to Newry citizens who are long-time major contributors to SAD 44.

"It would be helpful if you would clarify your intentions as this process moves forward. Please clearly state whether or not you plan to continue your past practice of not participating in negotiations. Your clarification may save both parties time and money."

"Marcel Polak has stated (Citizen, 6 October 2016) that "SAD 44's attorney told the School Board the only way Newry can now continue the withdrawal process is to take the district to court." We ask that you clarify whether the Board of Directors has officially adopted this approach.

"Your approach to Newry has left many citizens, even those not in favor of withdrawal, feeling disrespected and bitter at the way the town has been treated. The NWC is eager to work with you to change the atmosphere of our discussions

and reduce the ill will that appears to surround them.

"The NWC requests your written response by 6 January 2017."

The committee met Dec. 6 to discuss its next steps. At the meeting, Bethel resident Scott Cole told the panel that he and others plan to seek state legislation to end the town's school withdrawal process.

The process, intended to produce an agreement between SAD 44 and Newry for Newry residents to vote upon, is currently in a stalemate. Negotiations stalled this year after Newry asked for counteroffers from the district to the town's proposal to gradually decrease over 10 years its share of the budget after withdrawal.

In November a district-wide referendum asking for a change to the local school funding formula that would have lessened Newry's share of the SAD 44 tax burden was defeated.

Some had viewed such a change as a possible way to keep Newry from voting to leave the school district -

a move that would severely impact the remaining towns financially, because they would have to make up for the loss of about \$2.5 million from Newry, according to SAD 44. Newry has high valuation but few students.

At the NWC's Dec. 6 meeting, the possibility of taking SAD 44 to court over the negotiations stalemate issue was discussed in public session briefly, but no position was taken.

SAD 44 officials were asked if they wished to comment on the NWC letter.

Board Chairman Lainey Cross of Bethel said Tuesday she "will be reviewing" with members of the School Board's Withdrawal Committee sometime after the holidays. At that point, we will determine any next steps we may decide to take."

Regarding Scott Cole's plan, Newry selectmen said Tuesday they hope to meet with Cole and state Rep. Fran Head Jan. 3 to discuss the potential legislation.

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Bethel in March 2016, thanks to a volunteer effort during a year with scarce natural snow.

The groups realized the enormity of the challenge, given that they were not approached until Thanksgiving, leaving less than a month to organize a collaborative plan, raise start-up funds, and tap local skiers

and trail supporters for a largely volunteer project.

"We think the nonprofit model gives the Nordic operation the best chance for long-term sustainability, and so far, the community is jumping in with both feet," said BOC Community Coach Wade Kavanagh. Volunteer opportunities, season

pass purchase options, wish list and information regarding tax-deductible donations can be found at www.mahoosucpathways.org and by contacting Mahoosuc Pathways at 207-200-8240 or info@mahoosucpathways.org.

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The Bethel Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6 PM at the town office to receive public input and discuss proposed amendments to two separate ordinances. These ordinances are entitled Administration, and Signs. The board will also receive public input and discuss the proposed enactment of a Marijuana Moratorium Ordinance. For more information, please contact the Bethel Town Office at (207) 824-2669 or by email at info@bethelmaine.org.

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Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Well, it looks like there will be a white Christmas. This last storm added a few more inches to what we got last week.

My brother, Steve McLain, finally got a picture of the elusive male cardinal that has been at the feeder. Every time the bird was spotted, it disappeared before a picture could be taken. It was more interested in eating during the bad weather, I guess.

Lise McLain attended the Rotary's Annual Holiday Senior Luncheon at the Locke Mills American Legion Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 13. She also participated in the Bethel Senior Club meeting on December 14 at the Sudbury Inn and made three homemade necklaces as a fundraiser for the club. The winners were Fran Head, Florence Merrill, and Alma Merrill. Lise donated her book called "Grieving and Loving My Extraordinary Dogs" to the club to be raffled, and the winner was Florence Merrill. Her book has also been donated to the Bethel Library for those who want to read it.

Hugh and I talked to our son, Tim, last Saturday on his birthday. His wife Michele and daughter, Sidney, had just taken him out to dinner to celebrate.

Bears are supposed to be hibernating by now, right? Wrong! Not all of them! One day last week, Nancy, who is the lady who delivers the mail in Gilead, was headed back

toward Bethel on the North Road. She spotted a small bear in an apple tree beside the road. She immediately called Carole Mason to tell her. Carole and Brad responded to the scene and waited while the game warden and biologist arrived. The bear was very small so probably this year's cub. Maybe without his mom, he did not know how to hibernate. Brad fed it some apples while they were waiting. A loop on a long pole brought the bear out of the tree into a blanket held by four people and then into a crate. The little guy/gal is now spending the winter in a facility where it will be safe.

Peter and Claudia Risbara stopped by the house last Saturday. They were in town checking on their Gilead house.

Get well wishes go out to Judy Bishop. Bob called to tell us she was in the hospital and would be there recuperating for a few days. She is doing well.

Town Office

The Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24. Regular hours will resume the following Tuesday.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Judith Grover tent 17 DUVGW met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Monday, Dec. 12. The second nomination of officers was held, and it was voted to keep the same officers as this year. Thank you letters were read from Togus for the items Sally



ORPHAN? This little black bear was spotted in an apple tree on the North Road last week. To learn what happened to him, see the Gilead column.

Brad McLain

and Elsie took to the gift shop. These were for veterans to pick up as gifts for their families. They also brought magazines for the waiting room. Calls reported were 14. The mystery package went to Alice. There will be no meetings for January and February. The next meeting will be March 13. Following the meeting an exchange of gifts and cards and tasting party was held.

Services at the Baptist Church are: Sunday School at 9:15 for all ages, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m.; Mid-Week Service, Bloom for Girls (13 to 18), Foundations for Guys (15 and

up) at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, will be the annual Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend. Sunday Christmas Day the Morning Worship will be held at 10:30, but there will be no Sunday School or Evening Service.

Sympathy is extended to Lois Chase and Polly Mills and the rest of the Hart family for the loss of their brother.

From our family to each of you a Merry Christmas. Take a few minutes and think about the real meaning of Christmas.

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From the OCSD

Patrol Log

Monday, Dec. 12

At 8:45 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell contacted a complainant regarding a report of theft on the Greenwood Road in Greenwood.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

At 12:32 p.m. Deputy James McLamb responded to a property damage rollover accident on the Bear River Road in Newry.

At 10:04 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of damage done to the gate on Route 113 in Gilead. An investigation was ongoing.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

At 12:29 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward took a report of telephone harassment in Bethel. The suspect was contacted and given a warning.

Thursday, Dec. 15

At 5:20 p.m. deputies responded to a crash in Bethel in which a subject inadvertently left a utility trailer in a roadway. A vehicle struck it.

Saturday, Dec. 17

At 11:48 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward took a report of a vehicle off the road on the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel. The vehicle was gone on arrival.

Sunday, Dec. 18

At 8:14 a.m. Deputy James McLamb responded to the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a vehicle off the road.

At 10:02 a.m. a subject in Bethel reported he had lost his wallet.

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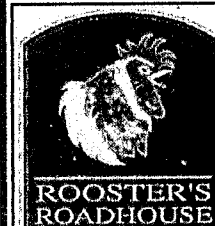
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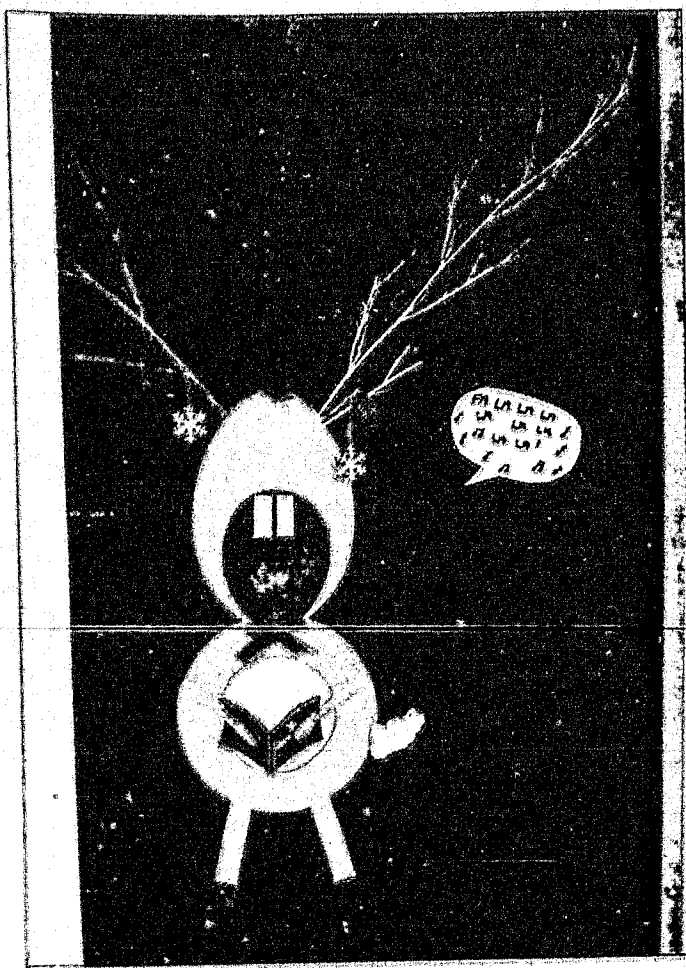
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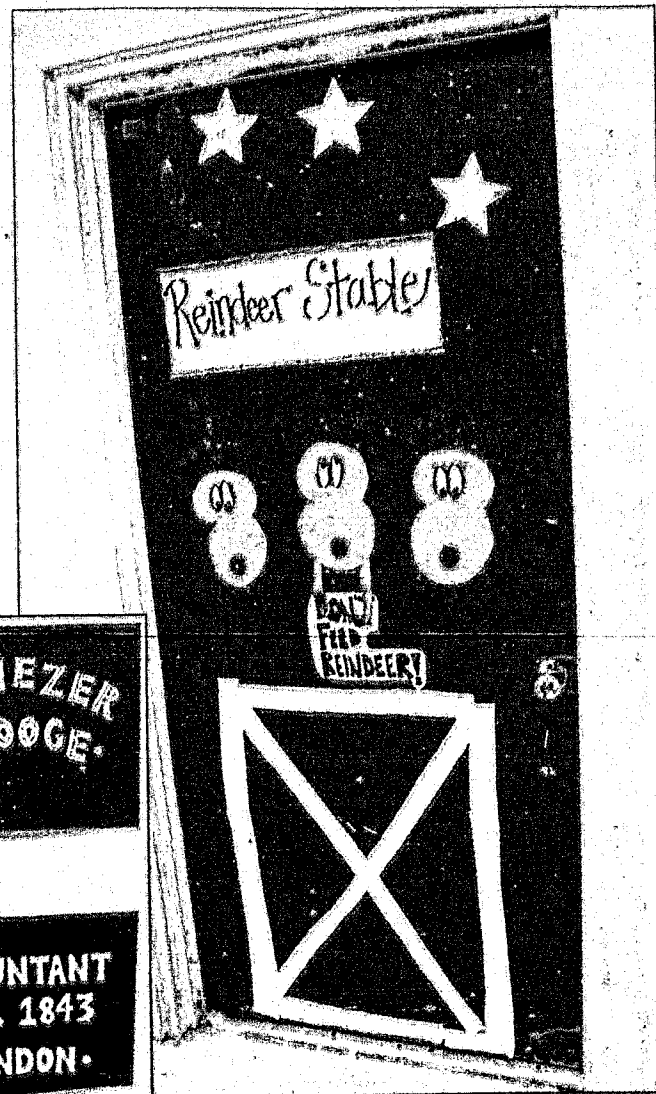
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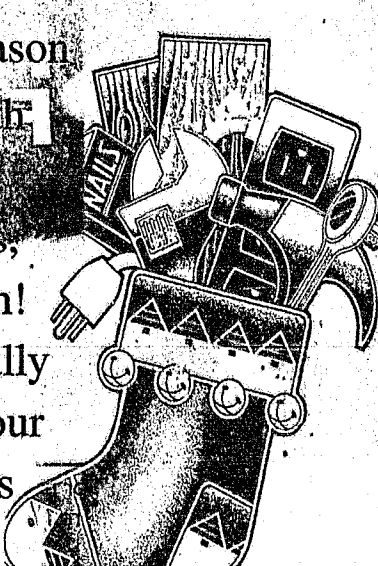
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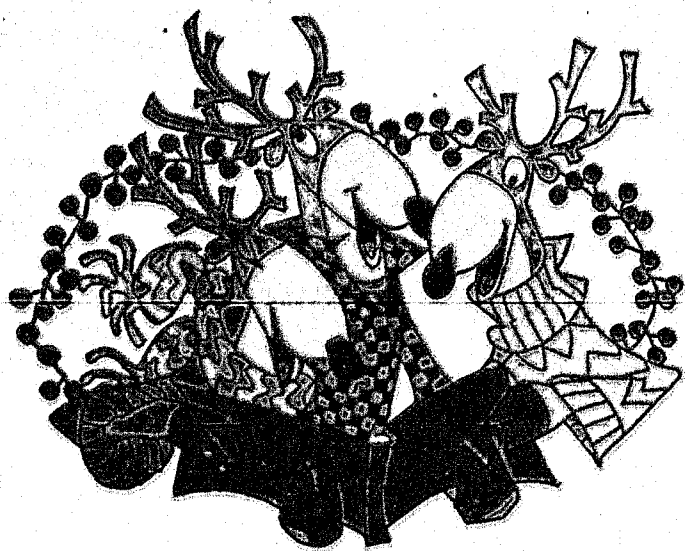
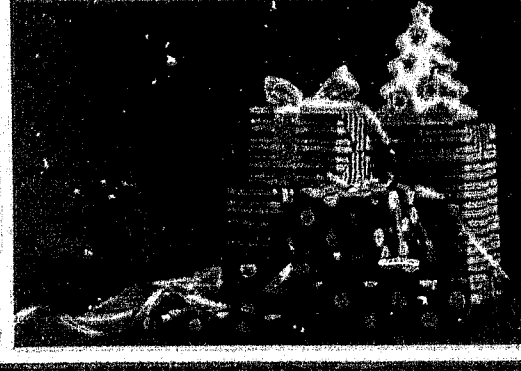
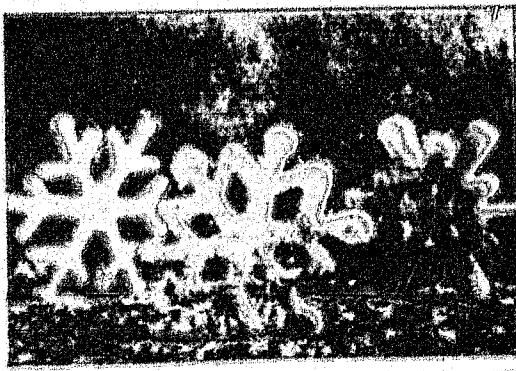


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10. "Happy Xmas (War is Over)," by John Lennon: This song debuted in 1971 and was written by Lennon and his wife, Yoko Ono. Performed with the Harlem Community Choir, the song was originally a protest song about the Vietnam War before it eventually became a

Christmas standard.

9. "Christmas Eve (Sarajevo 12/24)," by Trans-Siberian Orchestra: According to Nielsen, this instrumental mash-up of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "Carol of the Bells" is one of the best-selling Christmas digital singles in SoundScan history. A combination of full, classical orchestra and rock, "Christmas Eve" is a memorable and powerful piece of music.

8. "White Christmas," by Bing Crosby: Crosby crooned this tune in 1942 in the movie of the same name, and Irving Berlin's song soon became one of the most popular holiday tunes of all time. It has been covered innumerable times and has become a holiday season standard.

7. "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," by Andy Williams: This popular Christmas song was written by Edward Pola and George Wyle in 1963. The song celebrates the traditions and feelings of the Christmas season.

6. "Feliz Navidad," by Jose Feliciano: This Spanish-English pop song is recognized by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers as one of the 25 most-played and recorded Christmas songs around the world. Puerto-Rican born Feliciano has said that the song has always been a bridge to the cultures that are so dear to him.

5. "A Holly Jolly Christmas," by Burl Ives: This song was written by Johnny Marks, an American songwriter. Ironically, Marks was Jewish, but he specialized in Christmas songs and wrote many of the holiday standards people love, including this upbeat tune and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."

4. "The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)," by Nat King Cole: Believe it or not, this song was actually written in the summer when composers Bob Wells and Mel Tormé were trying to cool off with winter imagery. Snow-covered images and phrases eventually turned into lyrics for this popular song that was most memorably recorded by Nat King Cole.

3. "Jingle Bell Rock," by Bobby Helms: This song has been performed by many, but Helms' version of the is perhaps the best known. The song highlights the crossover style known as "rockabilly" and merges the classic "Jingle Bells" with rock 'n' roll references of the 1950s.

2. "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," by Brenda Lee: Brenda Lee was a chart-topping female vocalist of the 1960s who owes much of her success to this beloved holiday classic. Despite the mature sound of her voice, Lee recorded this version when she was only 13 years old.

1. "All I Want for Christmas is You," by Mariah Carey: This up-tempo love song has become a Christmas classic and one of Carey's most popular hits. She cowrote and coproduced the song with Walter Afanasieff. It is one of the few, modern, original Christmas songs to stand the test of time and become an official Christmas standard.

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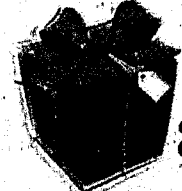
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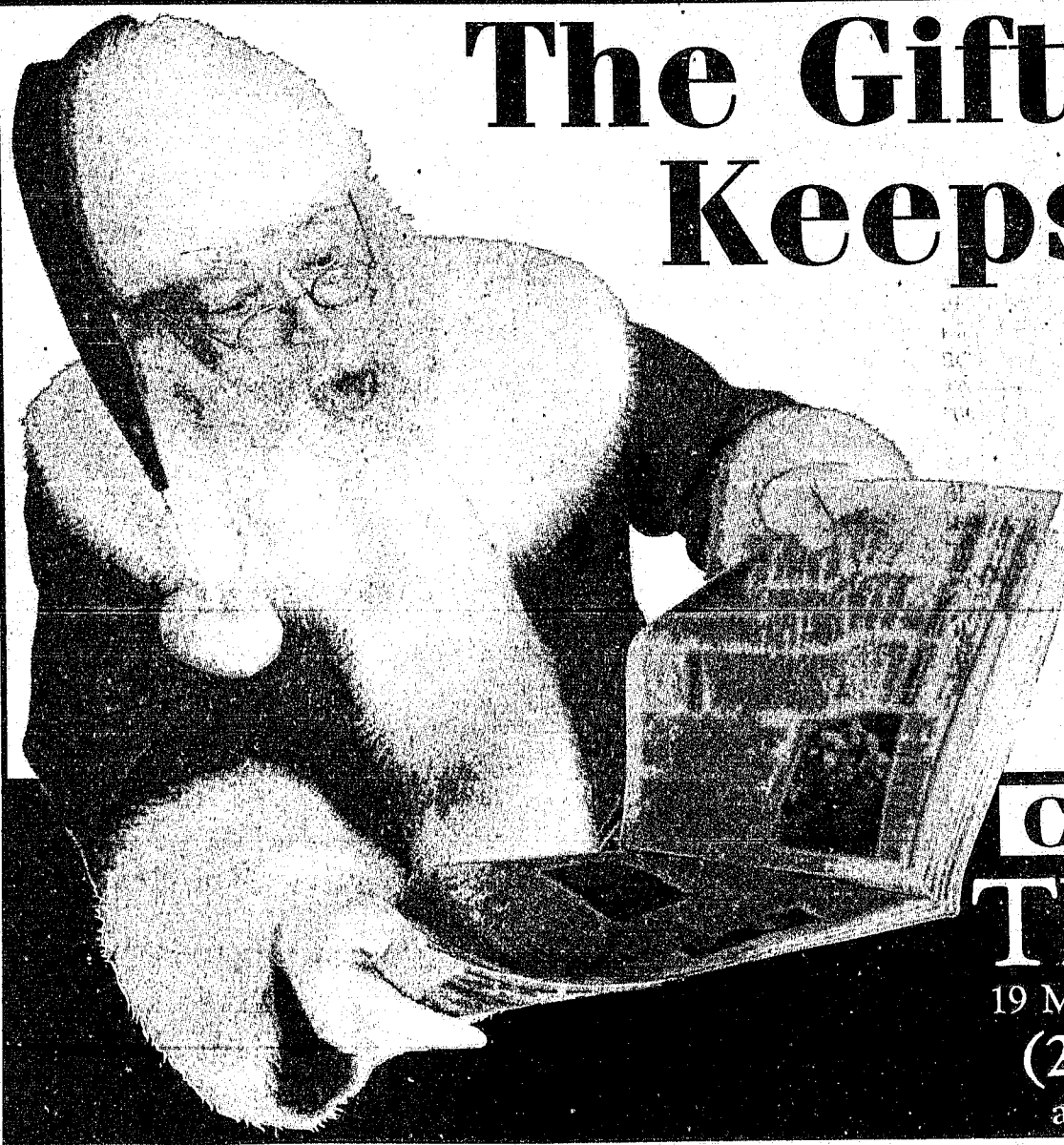
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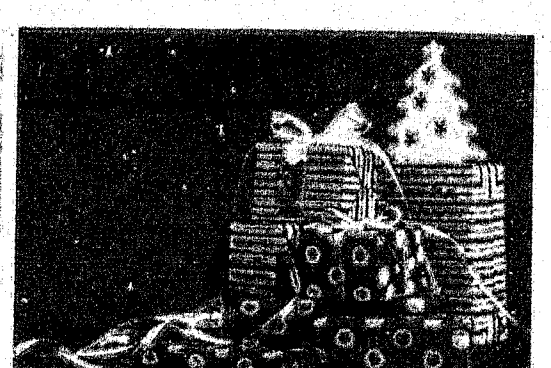
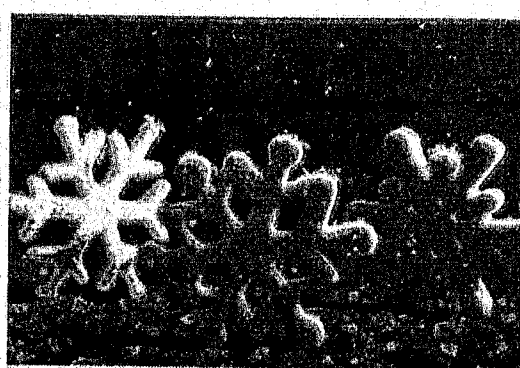
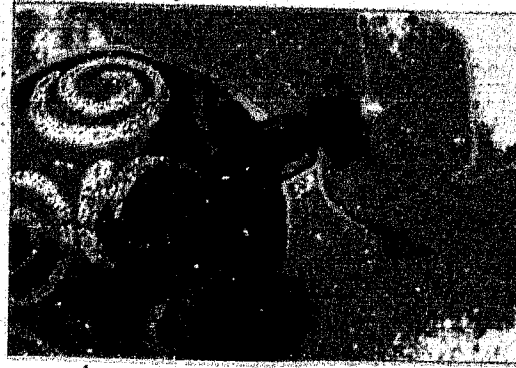
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Locke's Mills

By AMY WRIGHT CHAPMAN



What a messy storm we had over the weekend! Although Saturday's snow didn't add up to as much as the storm we got last Monday, the follow-up of freezing rain on Sunday made it much heavier to deal with and left us with a driveway that resembles a skating rink. Thank goodness for the municipal sand pile right across the street. I used four buckets on the driveway on Monday morning before I even dared to drive down it, and brought home another four buckets to keep on hand for next time.

Now that the cookies are done, it's on to Need-hams and peanut butter balls, which I'm planning to make with my daughter Annie on Wednesday (which will be yesterday by the time the paper comes out.)

It turns out that the downside of all the attention given to my cookie-baking this holiday season is that a lot of people have asked me if I still bake commercially, hoping to order cookies from me. I'm sorry to say that I no longer have a licensed kitchen - or any spare time! And I really can't take orders for baked goods, although I'm happy to share my recipes!

I took my first bag of food scraps to the transfer station on Sunday, but it took me two trips because I forgot to put them in the trunk when I loaded up my trash and recycling. You'd think that after mentioning the new program in my column two (now three) weeks in a row, I would have remembered! Good thing I don't live very far away.

My daughter Cait was scheduled to fly in from Colorado on Wednesday evening and get home to Locke's Mills on Thursday afternoon. We're looking forward to seeing her for the first time since summer.

I have the last week of 2016 off from both of my jobs (although I'll try to remember to write my last column of 2016) so I'm looking forward to spending some relaxing time with family, watching a few Christmas movies, and doing some reading. I'm a

homebody, so that's my idea of heaven. I hope you get to spend your holidays doing just what you like best, too!

Email your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, find me on Facebook, or give me a call at 890-4812.

"Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childhood days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveler back to his own fireside and quiet home!" - Charles Dickens

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



It was 16 degrees below zero here Friday morning. I have not talked to or heard from anyone in town since. Maybe everyone has gone into hibernation? Or are they waiting for the lake to freeze enough to ice-fish?

I am not a strong believer in any deity. I do believe in Christmas. I especially enjoy being with family, friends and the goodwill of the season. One of my many peculiarities is that I will not shop anywhere that advertises items for sale for x-mas. If a vendor or store chooses to take "Christ" out of Christmas, then I choose not to spend any money at their store.

I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas. Please email backstjoe@gmail.com to share your local news.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It certainly feels like winter is upon us. Of course, it will be by the time

you read this. But for today (Monday) it is still fall for a few more days. The cold is here and mornings of 20 below have been seen. I have to laugh at the weather folks who act like it has never been this cold in December. Not true. I remember one December in the '80s when it was 20 below for days. We all had to put cardboard in front of our car radiators to get any heat inside the cabs, and those were not Volkswagens, which were

notorious for not having any heat. We all had red bandanas that we used to clear the windshields of frost. David tells stories of having a hose that went into the back seats to keep the kids warm. Today's vehicles are better at having heat. Mine for all its age and high mileage still has a good heater.

Can't believe the holidays are only days away and we have done nothing for them. One year it would be nice to have everything done ahead of time. Perhaps before I die, I will have it all together. I do miss baking for the holidays. Lynn and I used to make holiday candles every year. That was fun and it gave easy presents. Now - nothing.

On Thursday, Dec. 22, (the first full day following the winter solstice) there will be a Polar Holiday Express Jammies Party at 6 p.m. at the Gem in Bethel. Join them for cookies, hot cocoa and a holiday classic movie. Buy tickets online at www.gemtheater.com. Tickets are \$6.

Friday, Dec. 23 from 9-noon is the Waterford Library coffee hour. Meet your friends, make new friends and enjoy a relaxing morning at the library. FMI 583-2050.

Saturday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. there is a candlelight service at the First Universalist Church in West Paris. Enjoy carols, readings and a sing-along. Instead of an offering bring nonperishable foods for the local food pantry or make a cash donation to the food pantry.

Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church 251 Walkers Mills Road there will be a Christmas Eve Service. FMI call 824-2289.

Christmas Day the First Congregational Church will serve a Christmas meal at 12:30 p.m. at 17 E Main St. South Paris. The meal is open to anyone. The church is handicap accessible. Takeout will be offered.

Friday, Dec. 30 the Har Lavon Annual Chanukah Party will be held at 5:30 p.m. Bring your menorahs, dreidels and candles. FMI call Elizabeth Roth 256-0060.

That is all for now. Have a great holiday and stay safe. To put something in for next week, call 743-0583.

Science for seniors

Anne Morin, Ph.D., former Professor at the University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine, Department of Neurology, Chief of Neurology Research at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Sepulveda, California will be starting a new eight-week class "Science for Seniors" on Tuesday mornings beginning Jan. 10 through Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Rumford Public Library.

Those who attended the previous class are welcome to attend as well as new members to the group.

The course will expand on topics in modern biology including various body systems in anatomy and physiology, the DNA revolution, topics in evolution, the microscopic world, genetics and mutations and photosynthesis. Participants are encouraged to bring their questions and requested to commit to the eight-week series. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Bethel Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club gathered Dec. 14, at the Sudbury Inn for their meeting and dinner with 26 members present. President Fran Head conducted the session and led the salute to the flag. As it was near Christmas, members sang "Silent Night."

Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell.

The door prize was won by Marilyn Scott and the 50/50 raffle by Alma Merrill.

The next meeting will be Jan. 11, 2017, 11 a.m. at the Bethel Methodist Church. There will be a potluck meal with members bringing a dish to share. The annual auction will also be held with members contributing items for bid. This is a fundraiser for the club. Membership dues (\$3) are owed at this meeting.

Lise McLain made and donated three necklaces for a fundraiser, and the winners were: Fran Head, Florence Merrill and Alma Merrill. Lise also provided a copy of the book that she had written, and that was won by Florence Merrill.

The Crescent Park Chorus under the direction of Linda Stowell sang several songs. Also, the band under the guidance of Duncan McFarland played several numbers, and the music was enjoyed by all.

Sandra Gunther was elected vice-president, the other officers remained the same. Happy birthday was sung to those having December birthdays: Musa Brown, Caroline Gould, Alma Merrill and Mary Paine.

Cancer Center January calendar

The Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine, located in the Stephens Memorial Hospital Specialty Clinic building at 199 Main St., Norway announces their January Calendar. The center offers a variety of free programs to people impacted by cancer throughout the month. This month they are happy to bring back Yoga Warriors and free Reiki sessions at their Saturday clinic. Check their website www.crcowm.org for more information, find them on Facebook or call Sherri at 890-7063. In the case of inclement weather, activities sponsored by the Center are canceled when SAD 17 cancels school.

Drop in hours are every Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are available to provide comfort items such as port protectors, wigs, hats, pillows or find resources. Pick up brochures or use our lending library. The Center is also a place to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, chat with a volunteer or take time for yourself by participating in activities offered.

Women's Cancer Support Group; Tuesday, Jan. 3 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch or snack. Call Patti-Ann at 744-6173 for more information.

Men's Cancer Support Group; Jan. 10 and 24, 4-5 p.m. Vance Jordan will lead this encouragement and support group. Men who have recently been recently diagnosed with cancer, in treatment or are survivors are invited to attend as well as men who are or have been caregivers. Please call Vance at 583-2975 or Sherri at 890-7063 for more information.

Banding Together To Restore; Mondays, Jan. 9, 23 and 30, 11-12 noon at Richard Bader Physical Therapy, 176 Main St., Norway. The program, lead by Lori Britting, is focused on regaining motion and strength through guided instruction using stretching and colored Therabands. Each participant will be encouraged to work within their abilities that will safely gain their desired goals. Getting back your energy and the ability to move easier and carry out your daily tasks and enjoying life are part of this program.

Preregistration is encouraged. Call 890-7063 or register day of class by arriving 15 minutes early.

Yoga Warriors; Mondays, Jan. 9, 23 and 30, 3:30-4:45 at Posabilities, 15 Tannery St., Norway. This free gentle yoga class will support healthy living for individuals facing the challenges of cancer through gentle movement and breath, supportive restorative yoga postures, and guided meditation and relaxation. Preregistration is encouraged. Call 890-7063 or register the day of class by arriving 15 minutes early.

Yoga for Wellness; Fridays 8-9 a.m. Either Kat Larsen or Sherri will teach the class at the Center which will include

breathing, movement and relaxing meditation while seated or standing. Check the website for more information.

Chair Yoga; Fridays 2-3 p.m. Sherri leads the class in chair yoga. No mats are necessary, chairs are provided.

Walk and Talk with David; Call 739-7027 if you are looking for someone to walk around Norway or South Paris. David will share his favorite walking routes, call him to schedule a time.

Guided Meditation Gathering; Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1-1:45 p.m. Guided meditation promotes relaxation which will lower your stress. Using your imagination, along with your five senses you may find yourself in a tranquil state that is rejuvenating. There are no known risks associated with guided meditation, so why not give it a try! Susan Kane will lead the meditation.

Free Reiki Session; Saturday, Jan. 21 9 a.m. to noon at the Norway Town Office located at 19 Danforth St., Norway. Clients impacted by cancer may receive a free Reiki session at this clinic by calling 890-7063 before Jan. 14. Any open slots after that will be offered to the general public.

Reiki 1 - Self Care; Tuesday, Jan. 24 1-2 p.m. Learn to practice Reiki for yourself. Reiki 1 - Self Care will offer you relief from some of the stress and discomforts you may be experiencing. Reiki complements the medical treatments prescribed by your physician. Charlotte LaBelle will be the instructor. Individual sessions may be scheduled with Charlotte between 2 and 3:30 p.m. Call 890-7063 to schedule your session.

Stampin' Up; Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2-3:30 p.m. Kathy provides materials and instruction to make a variety of cards. It is fun and easy to do.

Make a Dream Catcher; Jan. 4, 1-3 p.m. Join us as we start off the new year making dream catchers.

Community Cancer Cut and Sew; Wednesdays, Jan. 11 and 25, 10 a.m.-12 noon and Wednesday, Jan. 18, 4-7 p.m. at Sew Orchid Design, 316 Main St., Norway. Participants cut out material for bonnets and other comfort items needed by the Center.

Sewing kits are assembled for people to take home to sew or sew them while you are there.

Crafting with Barbara; Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1-3 p.m. at Sew Orchid Design, 316 Main St., Norway. Barbara Daigle is teaching a series of non-sewing or beginner sewin crafts for participants to complete.

Knitting and Crocheting; Thursdays 10-11:30 a.m.

Coloring for Adults; Thursdays 1-2 p.m. Coloring books and a variety of markers are available.

Cards and Games; Fridays 1-2 p.m. Various games are available at the Center to play or participants may bring one of their own to get a game started.

Notes from the Gilead Selectmen's meeting

The Board of Selectmen met at 6 p.m. at the Town Office on Dec. 14. Officers present were: Jeremy Morin (JM), Steve McLain (SM), Alfred Leighton (AL), Linsley Chapman Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar of Voters, Tax Collector/Admin. Asst., Judy Perrille.

Treasurer Warrants were reviewed. November Wrap-up Warrant 11A: Vote: Moved (JM) and seconded (SM) to accept. All selectmen voted in favor. November Warrant 12: Vote: Moved (JM) and seconded (SM) to accept. All selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion Regarding: Volunteer Driver Program. Result: Lise McLain has volunteered to represent Gilead for the Volunteer Driver Program that is being offered in surrounding towns.

Discussion Regarding: 911 Numbering on Rt. 113/Evans Notch Rd. Result: JM will measure the distance and determine how the houses will be numbered according to 911 rules. This is a result of the relocation of Route 2 during construction and leaving the old part to become part of Route 113/Evans Notch Road. The present addresses are Gilead Road and the numbers are too high for the beginning

of Rt. 113/Evans Notch Road.

Discussion Regarding: Repairs to the town's bucket loader. Result: The selectmen decided that more information was needed to make any decisions.

Discussion Regarding: Closing of Transfer Station. Result: John Olson, the attendant, will be unable to work on Dec. 24, the day before Christmas. There will be no attendant, so the transfer station will be closed that day. Regular hours will resume on the following Tuesday. Also, it was decided to pay him for the holiday. Steve McLain and Alfred Leighton were reimbursed for their time filling in when John was unable to work recently.

Discussion Regarding: Shoveling Town Office. Result: It was decided to pay John Olson, Transfer Station Attendant, for one hour for shoveling the front steps and path to the oil tank filler and back door.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Vote: Moved (JM) and seconded (SM) to adjourn. All selectmen voted in favor.

-Linsley Chapman, Town Clerk/Treasurer

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 22

Polar Express Jammies Party; 6 p.m. Join us for cookies, hot cocoa, and a holiday classic. Buy tickets online at www.thegemtheater.com. \$6. This event sold out last year.

Friday, Dec. 23

Community Holiday Movie at The Gem; 7 p.m. All ages, free event.

Waterford Library Coffee Hour; 9-noon. Come meet your friends, make new friends and enjoy a relaxing morning at the Library. FMI 583-2050.

Saturday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; 5 p.m. First Universalist Church of West Paris. Readings, carols and a sing-along. In lieu of an offering, we are asking for non-perishable food donations for the local food pantry, or you can make a cash donation for the food pantry.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service; 6 p.m. at Bethel Alliance Church 251 Walkers Mills Rd. (across from the Telstar parking lot.) Call 207-824-2289 for details.

Christmas Eve Service; Locke Mills Union Church service at 6 p.m. There will no service on Christmas Day.

Sunday, Dec. 25

Christmas Morning Worship Service; 10 a.m. Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Rd. (across from the Telstar parking lot.) Call 207-824-2289 for details.

Christmas Meal; The First Congregational Church in South Paris will serve a Christmas meal at 12:30 p.m. at 17 E. Main Street. The meal is open to anyone. The church is handicap accessible. Takeout offered.

Saturday, Dec. 31

Dance; 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. featuring the Jones Band at the Buckfield Masonic Hall (playing old fashioned music.) Adults \$10.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club; Meeting at the Bethel Methodist Church 11 a.m. will be a potluck meal with members bringing a dish to share. There will also be the annual auction which is a fundraiser for the club. Members will bring items for this.

Saturday, Jan. 14

Special Informational Presentation; 10 a.m. Andover, a special informational presentation, "Understanding the Mysteries of Taxation and Re-evaluation." The presenters will be John O'Donnell of O'Donnell Associates and Vern Maxfield, Town Manager of Woodstock.

Thursday, Jan. 19

Publishing Workshop; The Maine Authors Publishing and Cooperative Boston Writers Publishing and Cooperative will be offering a workshop on "Indie Publishing" from 6-8 p.m. at the Rumford Public Library.

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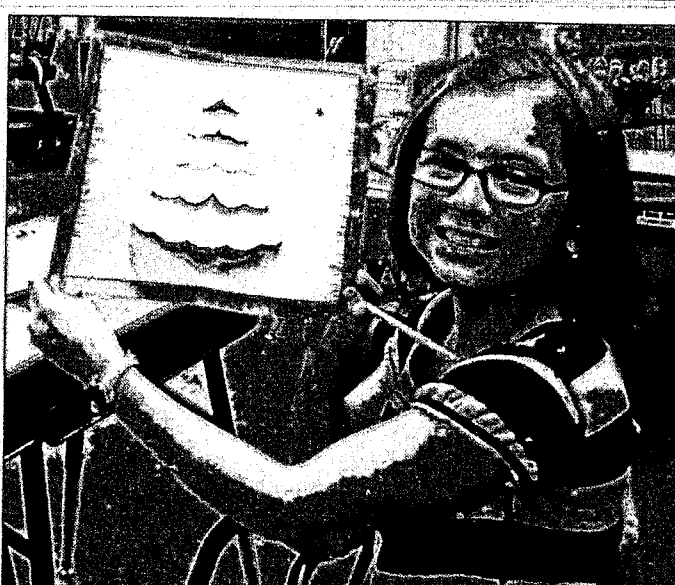
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WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Jennifer Campbell holding up a sample of a Nazca line art for Peru.



Estella Diaz making a popup Christmas card to represent the Christmas tree for England and enjoying a cup of Wassail.



Fourth graders, with plane tickets in hand, anxiously awaiting their first destination during "Holidays Around the World."

Holidays Around the World at Woodstock School

The students at Woodstock School are enjoying another year of "Holidays Around the World." Each year students learn interesting facts and traditions about six different countries. Each teacher chooses a country and gathers information to share with students as they visit their classroom. With passports and plane tickets in hand students travel from room to room and get a mini lesson on the different traditions that country observes. This usually consists of photos, videos, maps, books, and sometime guests. Then they get to enjoy making crafts, playing games, and even sampling native foods from that country. Here are the countries and activities they are doing this year:

Mongolia - making a felt ornament and then playing a game with dominoes.
England - making a popup Christmas tree card and sampling Wassail.
Peru - doing artwork with Nazca

lines (geoliths) and coloring sheets.
Russia - after listening to songs in Russian they will be decorating a treasure box.

Lithuania - using iPad to read qr barcodes to learn about the traditions and then enjoying potato pancakes.

Ireland - Learning an Irish dance and making St. Lucia wreaths out of paper or making a Christmas popper.

TMS



The 6th Grade at TMS held a "Slow Bicycle Race" for their Math Workshop unit on Data. Evan Leach and Olivia Seames tied for first place in their workshop group. They had a tiebreaker round and Olivia was the slowest! Students had to record their group's data, and after vacation will start working with various types of ways to display the data.



Super Stars for the month of November at TMS: Caroline Siekman Grade 7, Lydia Bennett Grade 8, Autumn Thompson Grade 6.

CRESCENT PARK SCHOOL



On Thursday, December 8, Senator Keim was able to greet 4th grade students and teachers from the Crescent Park School in Bethel. Senator Keim spoke about her role as a legislator and listened to the students' many great observations about the State House building. Rep. Head also greeted the students. The group was visiting Augusta to tour the State House, as well as the Maine State Museum.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

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FOSSIL	—	FOILS	SAMPLE	—	MEALS
SHRIMP	—	PRISM	INSEAM	—	MANES
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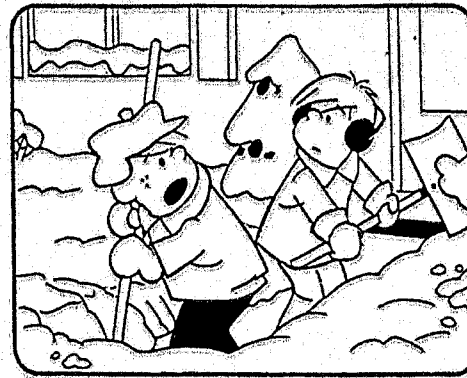
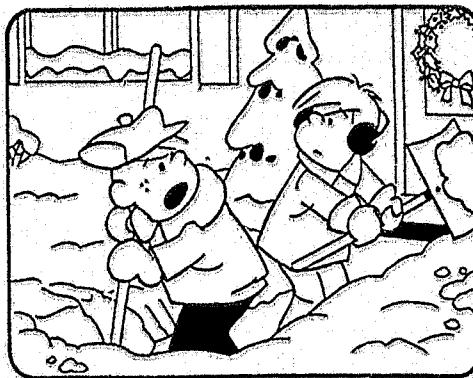
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 - 28 Ski resort
 - 30 Set fire to
 - 32 Suffix with
 - 33 Horror-film
 - 35 Runner-
 - 36 Swab brand
 - 38 Hack off
 - 39 Treasury
 - 40 Pops' moms
 - 42 Give credit
 - 44 Growl like a
- DOWN**
- 12-step
 - 48 "Mass" —
 - 50 Dirlies
 - 52 Opera piece
 - 53 Did very
 - 55 Growl like a
 - 56 "Speed up,"
 - 57 Oceans
 - 58 Puccini title
 - 59 San José,
 - 60 Show
 - 61 Approach
 - 63 Sing softly
 - 64 Straighten,
 - 66 Prevent, in
 - 68 — Solo
 - 69 Simian
 - 71 Oslo loc.
 - 72 — guilt trip
 - 73 — cone
 - 76 Heelless
- 113 Metal bars**
- 115 More hammy
 - 117 Actor Elba
 - 119 Like both-
 - 120 Examination
 - 123 Early Greeks
 - 125 Writer Brontë
 - 126 Sultry singer
 - 127 Actor
 - 128 Recluse
 - 129 Not including
 - 130 Castle trench
 - 131 Notes before
 - 132 Placed a
- 16 Much like**
- 17 Many Handel
 - 18 Fall right
 - 25 Port on the
 - 29 Vocational
 - 31 Driver's rite
 - 34 Propane,
 - 36 Pielike
 - 37 Prefix with
 - 41 Light meal
 - 43 Scrip writers
 - 45 Racial
 - 47 1920s-'30s
 - 49 An EEG
 - 51 Bluish gray
 - 53 Craving
 - 54 "Explorer" of
 - 55 Hog's
 - 56 Old
 - 62 Rough in
 - 65 Old
 - 67 Zenith rival
 - 70 Swearwords
- 73 Bathroom**
- 74 California
 - 75 Do as bid
 - 76 Cruet cousin
 - 78 A-bomb trial
 - 80 Fashion mag
 - 81 Like Mozart
 - 82 Goller's ace
 - 83 Dander and
 - 85 Dial up
 - 90 "— shame"
 - 96 ISP choice
 - 98 Bar fixture?
 - 100 Pencil topper
 - 102 Actress
 - 104 Grosse —
 - 105 Bolixed (up)
 - 108 Chapel
 - 110 Like
 - 114 Extolling
 - 115 Louver strip
 - 116 Osiris' wife
 - 118 Light coin
 - 121 Prefix with
 - 81-Down
 - 122 California's
 - 124 "— good

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



1. Ear flap is moved. 2. Collar is missing. 3. Tree is smaller. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Wreath is missing. 6. Shovel full of snow is smaller.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: A equals F

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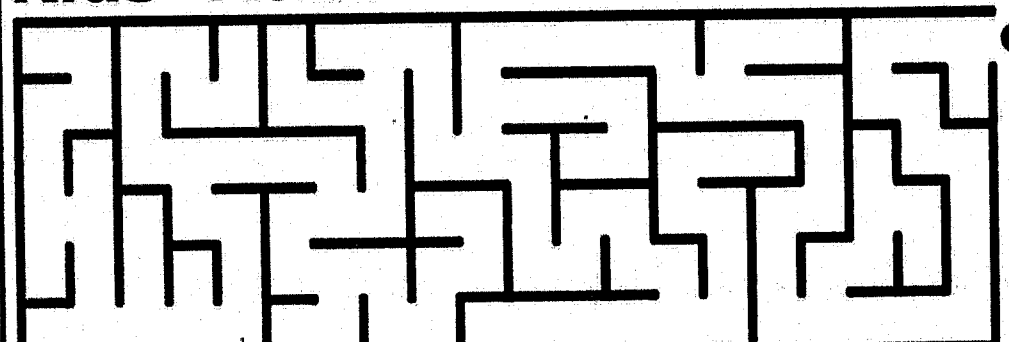
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Kids' Maze

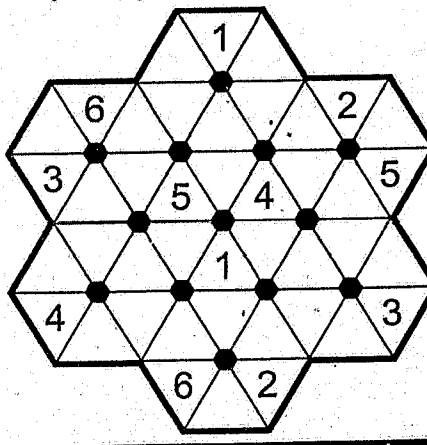


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦♦♦♦ Easy ♦♦♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

6		2		9	
	8		6		5
		4		1	7
	7	8		4	2
2			9		6
	9		3		8
		3	1		4
	6		8	5	
5			7	1	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦♦♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Kids' Maze Solution

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Annual Fund update

The end of the year is fast approaching, and we want to thank each of you for supporting the Museums of the Bethel Historical Society through your donations, visits to our period rooms and exhibit galleries, attendance at our programs, and communications to others about the many ways we carry out our mission throughout the year. If you have already made a gift to the 2016 Annual Fund Campaign this year, we thank you so much. If you are still considering a year-end tax-deductible donation to support our educational programs, preservation efforts, and research activities, there is still time! Making a gift to the Annual Fund by check or online is easy; mail your gift to us at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, Maine 04217 or visit our website homepage where you can make a donation by credit card or through PayPal.

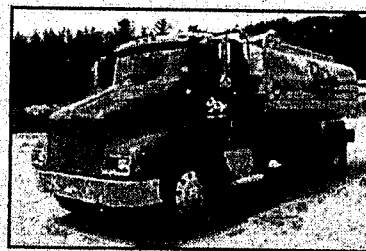
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Coming attractions

Here are just a few events and programs we'll be presenting in 2017: Jan. 31 — new exhibition opens at Robinson House, "Hooked Rugs: Art, Craft and Design"; March — Maine Folklife Center traveling exhibit, "Threads of Our Lives: Maine Folk Fiber Art" on view all month (in collaboration with the Bethel Library Association); March 25 — Women's History Month program and book signing, "Voting Down the Rose: Florence Brooks Whitehouse & Maine's Fight for Woman Suffrage"; June 27 — new exhibition opens at the Mason House: "They Took to the Woods: Life and Leisure



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On Dec. 17 Telstar traveled to the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center to compete in the Billy Chenard Sugarloaf Open. Many teams cancelled due to the weather, but thanks to our amazing bus driver, Kathy Scherf, we made it to and from the race safe and sound. The race was a 2.5km freestyle course. Boys' Results: ninth place Gaalen Boyle-Wight 10:33, 17th place Ricco Call 11:39, 21st place Josh Elliot 12:05, 23rd place Elijah Laird 12:23 and 27th place Evan LeConey 14:57. Girls' Results: fifth place Marta Opie 13:16 and 13th Emily Hanscom 19:21.

H.S. Varsity Girls' Basketball

Gould 49, Telstar 16; Dec. 19- The Gould Girls team faced spirited competition from a young Telstar team. The lead changed hands for much of the first quarter with Telstar confusing the Huskies with different looks on defense. The Huskies settled down near the end of the first quarter and pulled away to a 10-point lead at the quarter. Both the Huskies and the Rebels had dry periods of low scoring. The Huskies were able to slowly increase their lead through solid defense and patient offense. Gould was led by Kayley Cadet with 18 points and Priscilla Berdeja with 16 points.

H.S. Varsity Boys' Basketball

Gould 68, Wilbraham and Monson 66; Dec. 17-Gould matched up with the Wilbraham and Monson Titans in the second game of a back to back at the St. Andrew's Holiday Classic in Barrington, R.I. The game went back and forth, the teams exchanging baskets and leads. The game started with the hot shooting of George Papas '17 of Gould. He continued to convert layups and field goals from deep to give the Huskies a lead early. He finished the game with 26 points. The Titans matched up well with tough guard play from Chris Childs '18 and Miles Lester '17. Their 17 points and 12 points, respectively, helped to climb back into the game and eventually take a double digit lead late. With just over four minutes to go the Titans led the Huskies by 13 points.

in Northern Oxford County"; July 29 — Yankee Brass Band concert on the side lawn at Mason House.

And that's not all. In 2017 we will mark the 100th anniversary of the U.S. entry into World War I with a special lecture; we will also note the centenary of the first purchase of land in western Maine for what would become (in 1918) the White Mountain National Forest with a program in collaboration with the Gilead Historical Society; the "Mornings at the Museum" children's program will return with a focus on farming and logging, with associated hands-on activities; we will continue the transfer of our library, archival, and museum collections to state-of-the-art storage and work spaces in the newly-completed "Charles R. Huntton Center"; and we will launch a powerful new website with extensive online collections of vital records, historic images, and videos of over 100 past Bethel Historical Society programs.

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Sports

After a timeout and defensive adjustment Gould looked to climb back into the game. Defensive stops from Forward Brendan Hyde '18 and Guard Skyler Nash '17 (15 points) led to Husky points on the other end, tying the game in the last minute. Wilbraham and Monson had the ball with the clock running down and just missed a field goal that could have won the game. Jahbril Price-Noel '18 (18 points) cleaned up the defensive rebound for Gould and drove the ball the length of the court to complete the layup on the right side as the buzzer sounded. The Huskies take the win and momentum with them into the Winter Break with a 4-4 record in the NEPSAC AA League.

Gould 90, Bradford 84; Dec. 14-Gould hosted the Bradford Christian Academy Sentinels for a NEPSAC AA contest. In the second half, Jahbril Price-Noel '18 scored 18 with 24 in the game and helped to secure a win for Gould.

TMS Girls' Varsity Basketball

Dirigo 35, Telstar 24; Dec. 14-Good defense by Telstar's Bella Devivo and Ella Kellogg on Dirigo's leading scorer - held her to four points, but other members of their squad stepped up. The Rebels were led by eighth graders Lydia Bennett with 18 points; Ella Kellogg with four and Emalee Coffin with 2. -Coach Dave Berry

Telstar 37, Buckfield 26; Dec. 15-The Rebels won their first game of the season against a much improved Buckfield squad. 37 to 26. The Rebels were again led by Lydia Bennett with 14 points; point guard Ella Kellogg had seven points; Brooklyn Kimball five; Ava Mastrolanni 4; Bella Devivo, Ellen Files, and Ellie Williams with 2 and Caroline Siekman with one. -Coach Dave Berry

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Dirigo 43, TMS 28; Dec. 14-With a new offensive attack, the young Rebels team only managed to best the Cougars in the 4th quarter. Davin Mason score 12 points and Mario DeVivo had six. Myles Lilly was the most improved offensive player and Asa Stevens was the most improved defensive player.

TMS 27, Buckfield 21; Dec. 15-Telstar defeated Buckfield 27-21 in a highly competitive game. Davin Mason continued to be a consistent scorer with 12 points and Brayden Stevens had nine. Asa Stevens played outstanding defense and Mario DeVivo battled to improve his game all the way into the fourth quarter.

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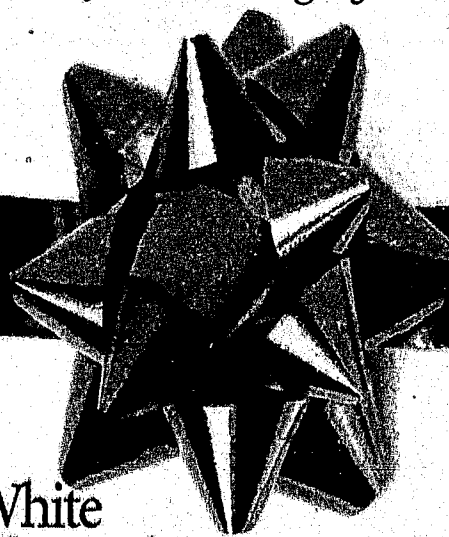
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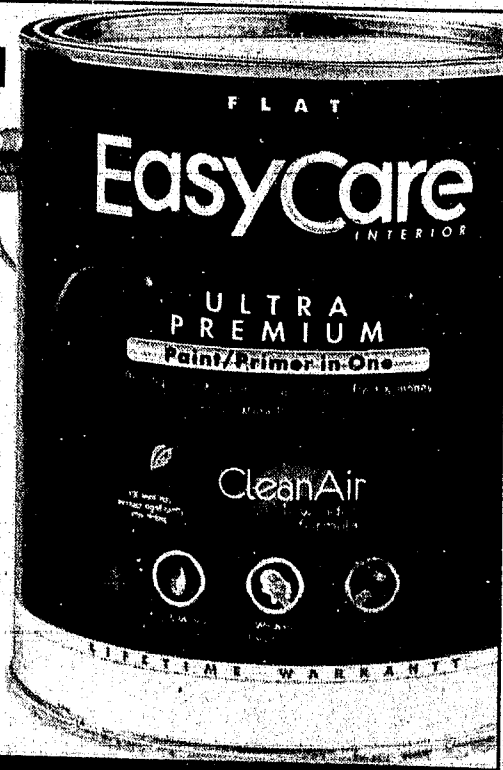
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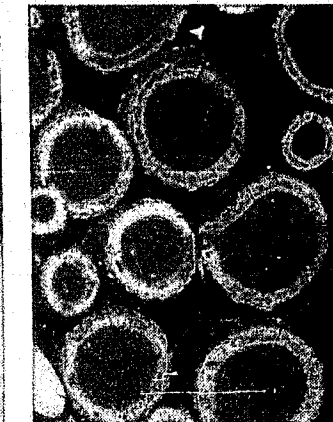
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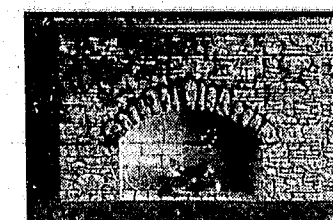
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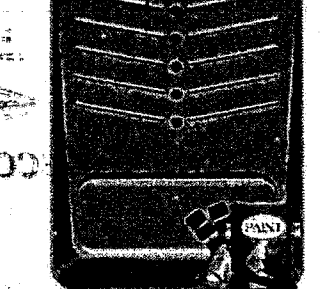
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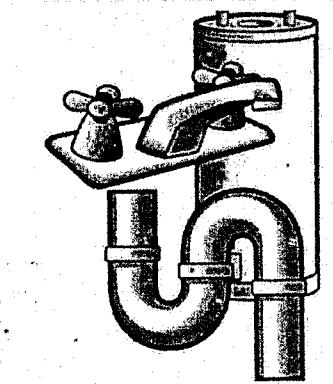


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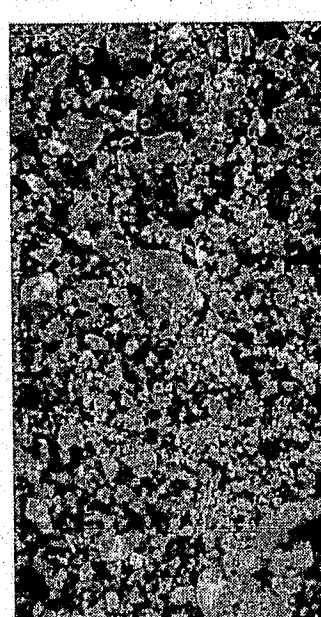


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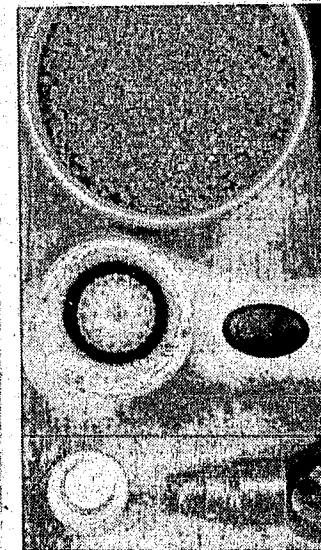
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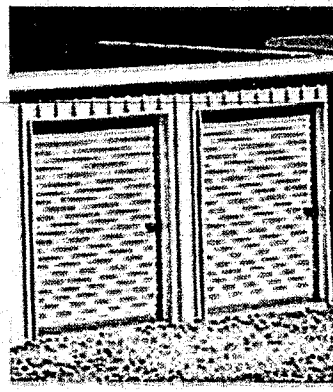
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Obituaries



BARBARA S. INMAN

Barbara Stearns Inman, 87 passed away peacefully Dec. 17, at Stephens Memorial Hospital with family by her side.

She was born Aug. 11, 1929, to Edith (Cumplings) and Hugh Stearns. Barbara graduated from Gould Academy with the Class of 1947. She married Howard Inman on May 22, 1948, and he passed away on Mar. 1, 2011.

Together they ran their own business, Inman's Garage in South Waterford, Maine for 25 years.

Besides her husband, Barbara is predeceased by a granddaughter, Kylie.

Her immediate family members include her children, Andy and Renee of Nashua, N.H., Mike and June, Terry and Frank of Albany, Maine, and Nita and Ed of Norway, Maine; Grandchildren, Michelle and Aaron, Jason and Tammy, Brian and Erica, Dareth, and Chris; Great Grandchildren, Tyler, Ashley, Zack, Brady, and Luke; her sister, Janice Morrill and her best friend, Roberta Pevear of Exeter, N.H.

The family would like to thank the Norway Center for Health and Rehab for the excellent care she received there as a resident. Also, to Dr. Kerr, Emergency Services, and Dr. Osbourne, Surgeon at Stephens Memorial Hospital for spending the time explaining and following up with us as a family. Finally, thank you to the nurses for their care and concern for Mom and our family.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017 at the Oxford Hills Funeral Services, 1037 Main St., Oxford. A memorial service will follow at 2:30 p.m. If desired, donations in Barbara's memory can be made to Responsible Pet Care, P.O. Box 82, Norway, Maine 04268, or to the Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter, 383 US Route One, Suite 2C, Scarborough, Maine 04074. Condolences can be

expressed to the family by visiting www.oxfordhillsfuneralservices.com



ELIZABETH M. GILBERT

Elizabeth M. Gilbert, 88 of Bethel passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Friday, Dec. 9.

She was born in Mason, May 1, 1928, the daughter of Guy and Grace Clough Morrill.

She married George Gilbert on Dec. 8, 1945.

She worked many years at Hanover Dowel Co, EKO wood products for 15 years and The Bethel Inn and Resort for 19 years.

She is survived by her sister Alta Smith and her partner Ronald "Duke" Meserve of Albany Township; two sons Randy of Bethel and Ronald and his wife Karen of South Paris. Her five grandchildren Justin Gilbert and Lisa Giovanni of Bartlett, N.H., Kayce Gilbert of Bethel, Amanda Gilbert and her husband Carlos Quino of Chelsea, Mass., Riley Gilbert and her fiancée Shawn Boutillier of Oxford and Zachary Gilbert of South Paris. Her six great-grandchildren Jaden Lane, Isabella Quino, Brennan Beaulieu, Thomas Quino, Elizabeth Grace Quino and the soon to be Hartley, Kaye Boutillier. She was predeceased by her husband George and her sisters Phyllis Bancroft and Mabel Clough. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 14 at the West Bethel Union Church. Spring interment will be in Riverside Cemetery, Bethel. Family and friends attended visitation at the Chandler Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Bethel Dec. 13.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to a charity of your choice.



PHYLLIS C. HEYWOOD

Phyllis Chadbourne Heywood, 81, died peacefully in her sleep at her St. Augustine, Fla. home Nov. 30, 2016. Phyllis was born in Lewiston, Maine July 7, 1935, first daughter of Phil & Mary (Saunders) Chadbourne and grew up in Bethel, Me. She was a 1953 graduate of Gould Academy and went on to Bradford Junior College and Toby Coburn School of Fashion Retailing in New York.

Phyllis had a long and successful fashion retailing career starting at Macy's in New York and completing as a co-owner of The Studio in LeRoy.

While home on Christmas vacation in Bethel, she met Charles Eaton Heywood, who was also visiting family. They were married Nov. 28, 1959 in Bethel, then moved to LeRoy, N.Y. where Charlie was a farmer and community leader.

Having no children of her own, Phyllis established close relations to her many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was active in her community and created many lifelong friends. She always made an effort to stay connected to her loved ones.

Phyllis was known for her quiet grace, intelligent tact and gentle humor. She accepted difficult circumstances in a cheery manner and managed to make the best of it. She was the one that always knew the appropriate thing to say no matter the circumstance.

She was predeceased by her parents and devoted husband Charlie, infant brother William (Billy) and two nephews. She is survived by siblings Ted (& Kitty) Chadbourne of Cumberland, Caroline O'Brien of Bethel & Florida, Bob (& Nancy) Chadbourne of Bethel, Tom Chadbourne of Falmouth and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins as

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Age Friendly Community news

The next Community Supper (all are welcome) is Wednesday, Dec. 28; 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road, Bethel.

You may already know about the Women's Cancer Support Group at Stephens Memorial Hospital. It meets at the Stephens Memorial Specialty Clinic, 199 Main St., Norway, on the first Tuesday of every month, 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m. (Bring a brown bag lunch.) FMI: 744-6173.

A new men's cancer support group is just starting up. The first meeting was Tuesday, Dec. 13. The next meeting is Dec. 27, 4-5 p.m. at the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine, 100 Main St., Norway. FMI call facilitator Vance Jordan 583-2975 or center supervisor Sherri Otterson 890-7063.

The November edition of the AARP Bulletin focuses on caregivers. It reminds

readers that they can go to aarp.org/care-giving for helpful tools and resources. It features many aids that can be purchased to help aging loved ones. It describes the winners in its Random Acts of Kindness for Caregivers contest. It pictures several "crafty ways to reengineer simple household items and make caregiving tasks a little easier." And it describes new state laws to aid caregivers (including Maine's efforts.)

The November AARP magazine has a heart-warming story of a wife who is grateful to be serving as caregiver to her beloved husband with dementia.

If you or someone you know would like to be included on my electronic newsletter list (which is emailed out every three weeks), please let me know. FMI on any of the above: nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com or 381-1110.

well as dear friends and the devoted caretakers who also came to love her.

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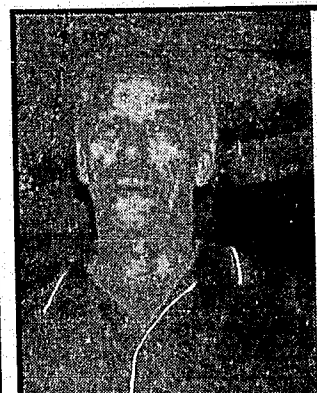
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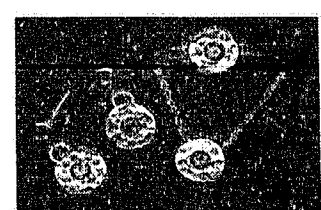
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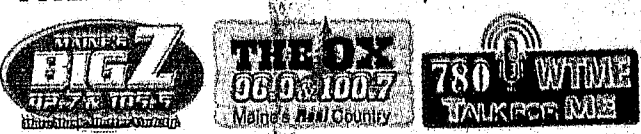
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